

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
LOCATION, DESIGN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS
AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF THE MARQUETTE INTERCHANGE
(BETWEEN 35TH STREET AND THE LAKE INTERCHANGE AND NORTH AVENUE
TO BURNHAM CANAL), MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing as provided by law to consider the location, design, environmental, and access control aspects of the proposed modification of the Marquette Interchange and adjacent sections of I-94, I-43, and I-794 in downtown Milwaukee, including those aspects that may require application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

The proposed project is to reconstruct the study-area freeway system, which includes the Marquette Interchange and adjacent sections of I-94, I-43, and I-794. Acquisition of right-of-way will be needed for this project.

The public hearing will be held as an open house between 11 A.M. and 8 P.M. on Thursday, November 15, 2001, at the Harbor Lights Room of the Milwaukee County Transit Center, 909 E. Michigan Street, Milwaukee. During this time, attendees will be able to review exhibits and discuss the project with the study team. Attendees will be able to provide oral testimony to court reporters at the hearing. Facilities will also be provided for written testimony. All testimony given at the hearing will be weighed equally. A packet will be available at the hearing, which will include procedures for providing testimony and information about the proposed project.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and to present relevant oral and/or written testimony concerning the general location and design aspects of the proposed modifications; the social, economic, and environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvement including those impacts and effects for which permit application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may be required pursuant to Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act; and whether the modifications are or are not in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of area planning.

Land acquisition and schedules for construction will be discussed at the public hearing.

Relocation assistance will also be discussed. It is anticipated that the relocation of persons and businesses will occur as a result of the proposed improvement. Any person who feels that he or she may be thus affected by the proposed improvement may obtain relocation assistance at the Department's Waukesha District Real Estate Office, 262-548-5924.

Provisions have been made for the submission of written statements or other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, the testimony presented at the public hearing. This additional testimony will be included in the hearing transcript if postmarked by November 30, 2001. Mail this additional testimony to Don Rhodes, WisDOT, 2000 Pewaukee Road, Waukesha, WI 53187 or e-mail at donald.rhodes@dot.state.wi.us.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed modifications which has been prepared and filed according to the State and National Environmental Policy Acts. This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of this improvement. The EA will be available for your review at the public hearing. The EA is also available for review at the following locations:

Milwaukee Public Library
Reference Department
841 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233

City of Milwaukee
Legislative Reference Bureau
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
District 2 Office, Room 210
141 N.W. Barstow Street
Waukesha, WI 53187

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Bureau of Environment
4802 Sheboygan Ave., Room 451
Madison, WI 53707-7965

Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the proposed modifications are invited to be submitted and postmarked by November 30, 2001. Mail your comments to: Don Rhodes, WisDOT, 2000 Pewaukee Road, Waukesha, WI 53187 or e-mail at donald.rhodes@dot.state.wi.us. If you have any questions about the project or the public hearing, please contact Don at 262-548-8835.

Persons with an interest in, or knowledge of historical and archaeological resources in the project area are invited to present such information at the public hearing.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will review all comments and testimony presented and reserve the right to make a final determination on the proposal as described in this notice.

NOTE: The hearing is wheelchair accessible. Also, if you are hearing impaired and require an interpreter, one will be provided if you contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 1-800-947-3529 on or before November 8.

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